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Governor Breaks Ground on New Engineering and Research Building

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Georgia Southern University hosted Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and many other key partners today for the groundbreaking of a new, 135,000-square-foot engineering and research building designed to inspire engineering innovation through education and strategic partnerships.

"The Engineering and Research building allows greater opportunities for Georgia Southern to collaborate with area companies on groundbreaking research," said Georgia Southern President Shelley C. Nickel. Nickel recognized Gov. Nathan Deal and local industry partners for leading those efforts that reinforce the University's commitment to ensuring students excel not only in the classroom but also in their preparation for the workforce with practical learning in laboratories, co-ops and internships.

"Our new Engineering and Research building will be a showcase for these efforts," said Nickel. "We expect the result of the work here will strengthen existing companies in the area, help attract new industry and add to the reputation of a state that is ready, willing and able to be business-friendly."

Intended for the University's manufacturing, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering programs, the new building will house conference center/seminar, configurable, meeting and highly sophisticated learning spaces, including 21 instructional research labs and 25 academic learning spaces. The research facilities in the Engineering and Research Building are designed to support the manufacturing infrastructure in Georgia.

"Bridging theory and practice, this new state-of-the-art facility will provide access to advanced technologies that will prepare students to meet the changing needs of the industry and the training to meet the demands of the workforce of today and tomorrow," said Mohammad S. Davoud, Ph.D., P.E., dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing.

The Engineering and Research building will be situated on the Statesboro Campus on the corner of Forest Drive and Akins Boulevard.

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